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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : ROBERT J. DOHERTY
Serial no. : 09/544,682
Filed : 04/07/2000
For : SYSTEM AND EMBEDDED LICENSE CONTROL
MECHANISM FOR THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION
OF DIGITAL CONTENT FILES AND ENFORCEMENT OF
LICENSED USE OF THE DIGITAL CONTENT FILES

Group Art Unit : 2134
Examiner : Norman M. Wright
Docket : VIATECP01AUS

The Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed July 8, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

Please amend the above identified Application as follows:

In the claims:



Please amend claim 24 as follows wherein insertions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by cross-outs.

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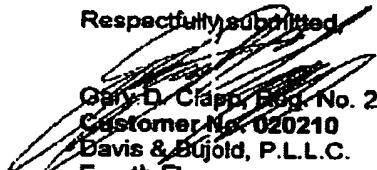
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn at this time. If the Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's view concerning the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection(s) or applicability of the JP '086 and/or Japan Robotics references, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the specific passage or passages, or the drawing or drawings, which contain the necessary teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure required by case law. As such teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure is not present in the applied references, the raised rejection should be withdrawn at this time. Alternatively, if the Examiner is relying on his/her expertise in this field, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter an affidavit substantiating the Examiner's position so that suitable contradictory evidence can be entered in this case by the Applicant.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

 In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213). 

Respectfully submitted,


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